

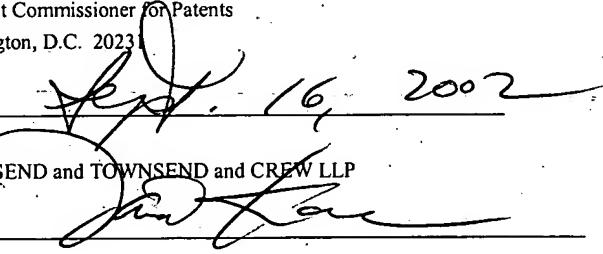


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In re application of:

KINDSVOGEL et al.

Application No.: 10/081,281

Filed: February 20, 2002

For: IMMUNE MEDIATORS AND
RELATED METHODS

Examiner: A. DeCloux

Art Unit: 1644

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed July 15, 2002, Applicants elect to prosecute Group II, claims 39-49 drawn to an expression cassette encoding a soluble fused MHC class II heterodimer. Also submitted herewith is a petition to extend the time for response for one month, from August 15, 2002 to September 15, 2002.

The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the two groups set forth by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory, and are thus related. As such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I-II would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and consider all the claims together.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding Applicants' election, or if the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415)576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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